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Sun - Earth Connections and National Astronomy Week Program at the NASA Visitor Center

In conjunction with Sun-Earth Day 2001, National Astronomy Week and the fifth anniversary of the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO), the NASA Visitor Center at the Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Va., is arranging a Star Party with "*Solar Flare*" on April 28.

1 p.m. -- "Our Star the Sun". Take a peek through the Visitor Center's telescope and find out how many sunspots are visible. This event will be cancelled if it is raining or the sky is overcast.

3 p.m. -- "Stars-in-the-Sky". Children can create star posters and learn how to recognize some of the better-known constellations in the sky. Parents also are encouraged to attend this 30-minute "hands-on" program. No reservations are necessary and all materials are provided by the NASA Visitor Center.

6 p.m. - 10 p.m. -- "Evening Sky". Watch the stars become visible as the Sun sets. Find the circumpolar constellations and get a closer view of stars and planets through our telescope. If you have your own telescope, bring it along! This event will be cancelled if it is raining or the sky is overcast.

Educational movies featuring the Sun and astronomy are shown through out the day, and special handouts will be available while inventories last.

Teachers: Ask for a Space Science educator packet, they are available while supplies last.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

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